(e) At present there is no such proposal with this Ministry under the existing National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents.

New Broadcast Bill

1699. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring forward a new Broadcasting Bill; if so, the details in this regard and the object sought to be achieved;

(b) whether the Bill seeks to do away with the monopolies, impose ceiling on TV network and similar restrictions on cable and other service providers; and

(c) whether these provisions seeks to control the contents of the programming and its anti-monopoly measures could also entail restructuring of their share holding patterns?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is considering a proposed Broadcasting Service Regulation Bill in consultation with Ministries concerned. A need has also been felt to consult the media in the matter. It is therefore, difficult to give final views or to give a time frame on the proposal.

Launching of international news channel

†1700. SHRIMATI SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch country's International New Channel on the lines of B.B.C. and C.N.N.;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be launched; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Government is exploring various

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.